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# UNOCT GLOBAL NETWORK OF EXPERTS ON THE PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE TARGETS AGAINST TERRORIST ATTACKS

## Official Virtual Launch

**15 February 2022, 10:00 am – 11:30 am EDT (New York)**  
(in English)

The UNOCT Global Network of Experts on the Protection of Vulnerable Targets against Terrorist Attacks has been established **in the framework of the United Nations Global Programme on Countering Terrorist Threats against Vulnerable Targets**. The Programme is implemented by the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) in partnership with the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), and in consultation with the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL). Please see more information on [UNOCT's Programme on Vulnerable Targets](#) webpage and on the dedicated [webpage of the official launch of the Global Network of Experts](#).

This Global Network is hosted on the [UNOCT Connect & Learn Platform](#) and seeks to foster synergies between experts from across the world and exchange good practices and information on the protection of vulnerable targets, including critical infrastructure and 'soft targets'. In addition to Member States' representatives, the Global Network includes expert stakeholders from academia, civil society, international and regional organizations and the private sector. This inclusive and flexible approach allows for more enriching interactions among experts. At the same time, UNOCT will undertake appropriate actions to ensure a secure and responsible environment for the Network.

### PROGRAMME

**10:00 -10:35**

#### ***High-Level Opening***

Moderator: Ms. Olga Lanchenko, Programme Management Officer, Global Programme on Countering Terrorist Threats against Vulnerable Targets, Special Projects and Innovation Branch, UNOCT

- Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT);
- H.E. Ambassador Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations;
- H.E. Ambassador Cho Hyun, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations;
- *Presentation of the UNOCT Connect & Learn Platform and video:*  
Ms. Leila Ezzarqui, Chief, External Partnerships Section, Special Projects and Innovation Branch, UNOCT

- *Presentation of the United Nations Global Network of Experts on the Protection of Vulnerable Targets against Terrorist Attacks:*

Mr. Ignacio Ibáñez, Coordinator of the Global Programme on Countering Terrorist Threats against Vulnerable Targets, Special Projects and Innovation Branch, UNOCT

**10:35-11:30**

***Expert Roundtable on the Protection of Vulnerable Targets against Terrorist Attacks***

Moderator: Mr. Jean-Philippe Morange, Senior Legal Officer, UN Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

Keynote speaker: Dr. Rosalind Nyawira, Acting Director, National Counterterrorism Centre, Kenya

Panelists:

- Ms. Vanessa Ana Gabriel de Almeida da Silva Reis, Head of Division, Security and Information Management Division, Intelligence Police Department, Portugal
- Ms. Deb Anderson, Assistant Chief, Counterterrorism Division's Counterterrorism Analysis Section (CTAS), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), United States of America; and  
  
Ms. Susan Schneider, Chief, Active Assailant Security Branch, Office of Security Programs, Infrastructure Security Division, Cyber and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), United States of America
- Mr. Anton Arefiev, Deputy Head of Department, Anti-Terrorism Center of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS/ATC)
- Ms. Lina Kolesnikova, Director of European and International Affairs, Institute of Civil Protection & Emergency Management (ICPEM)

Interventions from the floor / Questions and Answers